

Fulton County Cancer Fund

The Fulton County Cancer Fund (FCCF) was established in the 1950's to aid Fulton County residents by providing funding for mammograms. Fast forward to March 2010, the FCCF was accepted by the Northern Indiana Community Foundation (NICF) as an Advised Non-Permanent Fund. Now, the mission and purpose of the FCCF is to help Fulton County residents who need financial assistance to purchase medications and nutritional supplements directly related to their cancer.

The FCCF is funded entirely by local donations, memorials, and fundraisers by groups such as Ann Clark's Crop for a Cure, Woodlawn Oncology Staff and Employees, and Wheels on Fire Cancer Crusaders. In addition, the Russell and Sherry Rogers Endowment Fund established through NICF heavily supports the fund through their annual contribution to the fund from its earnings.

In September of 2019, donor advisors LeeAnn Pollock and Tracy Pocock, established the Fulton County Cancer Fund Endowment Fund with the NICF. This endowment fund, along with the Rogers Endowment Fund, will bring long-term stability to the FCCF for years to come. Before her passing, Fran Baxter, one of the original FCCF donor advisors, was a major contributor to the FCCF Endowment Fund.

The FCCF has assisted numerous patients over the years. Some patients need short-term help, but majority patients receive assistance for months and even years. More out-patient chemo medications are being prescribed for patients, allowing them to remain at home for their treatments. Instead of hospital costs, patients rely more heavily on prescriptions and nutritional supplements. The FCCF provides help for those, with or without insurance or Medicaid, with non-covered prescriptions, nutritional supplements, and copays. To be able to accomplish this, the FCCF utilizes a charge account at Webb's Family Pharmacy to provide the patients with immediate access and counseling about their medications.

The FCCF helps everyone by not requiring personal financial information to qualify for help. The donor advisors rely on referrals from various organizations and the patient's oncology clinic nurses and staff and are grateful to have the flexibility to serve those that fall between the cracks with their immediate needs.

The Fulton County Cancer Fund is blessed to be able to assist Fulton County cancer patients! The FCCF will continue to work with Oncology clinics throughout Indiana to relieve a portion of their Fulton County patients' financial burden, allowing them to focus more on their health and well-being during their battle with cancer.